



# THE MESSENGER

News from the Mid-Michigan District

United Women In Faith

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Women  
in Faith

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

*Sharon Smith*

**A NEW NAME (UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH)**

**A NEW LOGO**

**A NEW MISSION STATEMENT**

**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,**



Yes! Changes! New branding campaign, new ideas to promote growth of United Methodist Women, now United Women in Faith.

We look outside and see the many changes brought by the coming of spring. Refreshing changes! That's how I feel about the changes in our organization. They are refreshing changes!

I urge you to read the most recent issue of Response magazine. There is so much information about the hopes and plans for the future of United Methodist Women, now United Women in Faith. We have all experienced the woes of restarting our local units after the pandemic (and in some cases, during the pandemic). We want everything to get back to normal. Except what is our new normal. I don't think we know. Members have been inactive so long they now have lost interest in their circle or unit; that makes recruiting new ladies pretty difficult. In the worst case scenarios, units have deactivated. We pray for them and hope the interested members will continue their membership, even without a local unit. Yet, I do have HOPE and BELIEVE that all the "NEWS" we will see soon, causes excitement and interest.

As Response magazine includes so much about the changes coming, I believe it best that I repeat some of my favorite statements from this issue:

*"Imagining what could be, is our charge as followers of Jesus. Members of United Women in Faith are inclusive, supportive, curious, bold leaders for justice who will change the world."*

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

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## PRESIDENTS LETTER (CONTINUED)

***"Faith, action and sisterhood** are our calling cards as we reach out to invite new women to join us on this wonderful journey and find new ways to support one another and women, children and youth. **Faith**, because at our heart and in our soul, we are a faith-driven organization. \*\*\* **Action**, because our actions have always spoken as loud as our words: Acts of love, acts of faith, acts of courage. \*\*\* **Sisterhood**, because we welcome and connect women together. We are on a mission to boldly act and transform communities."*

I know you have many questions as do all of us. We will likely learn more at Assembly next month in Orlando, FL. However, there are some FAQ's in the Response magazine on page 35. Check it out! I promise you'll be hearing more about the exciting changes to United Methodist Women, now United Women in Faith.

## 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 ([midmiumwnews@gmail.com](mailto:midmiumwnews@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.

	<p><b>PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN</b></p> <p>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.</p>
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# Healing Hearts: A Spiritual Growth Retreat

Hosted by the Midwest District United Methodist Women

## Saturday, April 30, 2022

Middleville United Methodist Church, 111 Church Street, Middleville, Michigan

9:30 a.m. Check-In • 10:00 a.m. Welcome • 3:15 p.m. Send-off

As we walk through life, it is almost impossible not to be hurt along the way. Some of us have been wounded by harsh words that, years later, continue to pierce our hearts. Others have been disappointed by relationships leaving them feel emotionally bruised and battered. Still others have suffered horrific injustices where something was stolen from them that no man can restore. In all of these, the Lord desires to bring healing and restoration. Throughout this inspirational day, we will explore foundational Scripture verse Isaiah 61:1. Then bring our thoughts from deception to truth and recognize the lies that the enemy has spoken to us about ourselves, our situation, about God and others. We will recognize the truth of what God says so that we can begin to receive God's healing for our wounded hearts. Enjoy a day of fellowship, speaker-led sessions, break-out activities, lunch and giveaways.



### **Featured Speaker:**



**DAWN FERGUSON** considers herself amazingly blessed to have met the Lord as a child and to have walked with Him throughout the years. Nearly seven years ago, she retired as a Police Sergeant. While at one time she put people in jail, now (for the past ten years) she ministers to people in jail - specifically women. The Lord also has opened doors for her to speak, teach, preach, and minister in a variety of settings. With the encouragement of her Pastor, she became a Licensed Minister in 2017 and then Ordained in 2018. Today, she finds everyday with the Lord absolutely exciting!

**INGATHERING:** the Middleville Community Food Pantry needs items that must be purchased for their patrons: paper products (paper towel and Kleenex), cleaning supplies (dish soap, Clorox cleaner and wipes).

**REGISTRATION COST: \$15 by April 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Use one form per person. Please print.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Daycare needed? (advanced notice only) # of children and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$15 by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Make checks payable to: Midwest District UMW  
Send registrations to: Sue Van Portfliet, 1333 Ravanna Drive SE, Grand Rapids MI 49508

## United Methodists In and Near Ukraine Help Refugees

By Urs Schweizer and Sam Hodges

March 3, 2022 | UM News



As Russia's assault on Ukraine intensifies, United Methodists near the besieged country are finding ways to help with the flood of [more than 1 million refugees](#).

So are United Methodists in western Ukraine, such as the Rev. Volodymyr Prokip, in Lviv, who described his church and student ministry's efforts to help in [a video interview](#) with the Rev. Fred Vanderwerf of the Minnesota Conference.

"God is with those who are crying," said Prokip, who with fellow United Methodists has provided food and temporary shelter to those headed out of the country.

Reports of the United Methodist response are coming in from Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Poland and Bulgaria.

A good example can be found in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, where just last year United Methodists rented a former hotel and made it into a community center.

That leap of faith turned out to be a blessing, given the sudden emergency of people in large numbers fleeing across the Ukraine-Romania border.

The Rev. Rares Calugar, superintendent of The United Methodist Church in Romania, reported by phone that the community center is suddenly full of refugees — most of them women and children.

They are given food and offered the chance for conversation and counseling.

Many are passing through on their way to other countries. Some hope to return to Ukraine when the situation allows.

Those who wish to stay in Romania will soon be moved to other shelters in the city.

"The UMC has built a network in Cluj-Napoca and has access to numerous apartments and houses where those leaving the community center can stay to make room for new arrivals," Calugar said.

The willingness of the local population to donate is high, he added. The church is getting food and other in-kind donations. Along with distributing those to refugees in Cluj-Napoca, church members have gone to the border to aid those just crossing into Romania, Calugar said.

Because the community center is currently devoted to housing and caring for refugees, its usual sources of income, such as rent from meetings, is curtailed. So the Romanian United Methodists are drawing on support from across the connection, including the [United Methodist Committee on Relief](#), Calugar said.

To read the rest of the article, please visit the website at <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/united-methodists-in-and-near-ukraine-help-refugees>

### How to Help

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people may contribute to [United Methodist Global Ministries Advance #982450](#), UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery.

**SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

Lynda Crandall, Social Action Chair

**Charter for Racial Justice Projects Grant**

To encourage local UMW units to engage in projects to expand understanding of racial justice issues, the Michigan Conference UMW Charter for Racial Justice Committee is offering grants in amounts up to \$300 to local units.

Some ideas you may want to consider:

- Racial justice book study
- Guest speaker
- Travel to a museum or other site of racial justice significance

More resources for your unit are available at the following UMW website:

[UMW Racial Justice Opportunities for Local Units](#)

Applications are encouraged by April 1, 2022 – but will be accepted until all available funds have been granted. If your grant is accepted, we will ask your unit to send a short report to the Charter for Racial Justice Committee once you have completed your project/program.

Your submitted application letter should include the following information:

- Name of Unit, contact person name/address/e-mail/phone number,
- Grant amount you are requesting and detailed use of funds
- Goals you hope to achieve and estimated # of people participating
- Beginning and ending date of project
- Any additional information to help us understand your plans.

Please send your application letter to [jparadinerice@gmail.com](mailto:jparadinerice@gmail.com) or via snail mail to: Julia Paradine-Rice, 11942 Prairie Edge Street, Schoolcraft, MI 49087

**Our Mid-Michigan District Social Action focus for 2022 continues to be on Racial Justice. This opportunity for funding for a racial justice project is therefore very timely for our district. The application and your project don't have to be elaborate - you may want to add books on racial justice to your UMW or church library, visit the African-American History Museum in Detroit or follow Sojourner Truth's steps in Battle Creek. Brainstorm quickly with your team and please use this opportunity to help your unit address our Racial Justice focus.**

**NOMINATIONS CHAIR**

Donna Kleiver, Nominations Chair

I am Donna Kleiver, the new Chairwoman of Nominations and I have changed my hat. You have seen me over the past several years as the President of the Mid-Michigan United Women in Faith. Yes, we have changed our name from United Methodist Women.

Even though we are only three months into 2022, it is not too early to be looking toward 2023 open positions on our district team. Being a member of the district team is so valuable through growth of friendships, faith, support and being a part of UWF and what we stand for. You do not need a large impressive resume of work skills or experiences, as long as you have the desire. The team has wonderful leaders who are available to train and support you in a position. Please give myself or one of the other nomination committee members a call if you are so inclined to join in the fun. Mid-Michigan District is in need of nominations members and always looking for women to fill positions as they open. Let us know where your interests are and we will work with you.

## EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

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

Spring, also known as Springtime, is one of the four temperate seasons, succeeding winter and preceding summer .... ahhh ..... The air is cool, the sky is cloudless and blue.

I look forward to the man in-person events for our district this year. Many church circles are meeting in-person, presidents should remember to take their copy of the 2022 Mission Today and make those check marks where applicable. See page 6 & 7 and keep it on hand with your circle materials. I realize that the due date to turn in your 2021 Mission Today has passed. I have received 6 copies so far. If you have forgotten to send yours, do it right away, don't let this opportunity slip by you.

Find these web pages useful and refer to them often:

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

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

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

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

## READING PROGRAM

Reading Program Reports forms should have been sent to me. I have 3. See page 8 & 9 for the form. I'm hoping for more. If you have forgotten, please send yours now.

The reading list has some good choices this year. Below is just one of those choices.

### **Rise! From Caged Bird to Poet of the People**

by Maya Angelou

Writer, activist, trolley car conductor, dancer, mother, and humanitarian Maya Angelou's life was marked by transformation and perseverance. In this comprehensive picture-book biography geared towards older readers, Bethany Hegedus lyrically traces Maya's life from her early days in Stamps, Arkansas through her work as a freedom fighter to her triumphant rise as a poet of the people.

A forward by Angelou's grandson, Colin A. Johnson, describes how a love of literature and poetry helped young Maya overcome childhood trauma and turn adversity into triumph. Coupled with Tonya Engel's metaphorical and emotive illustrations, this biography beautifully conveys the heartaches and successes of this truly phenomenal woman and is a powerful tribute to the written word.

### **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.

# 2022 Mission Today Unit Objectives

## United Methodist Women - Michigan Conference

*Please print clearly!*

Name of Unit \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (\_\_\_\_\_) Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

**A unit will receive a Certificate of Achievement upon completion of one of the following categories between January 1 through December 31, to be presented at their District Annual Meeting the following October. Check the numbers completed.**

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

### **Mission Giving**

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

### **Spiritual Growth**

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

### **Membership**

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

### **Attendance**

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

**Mission Education**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. \*Unit or circle conducted at least one *Mission Study*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \*Two members completed a *Reading Program Plan* and reported on one of the books.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Participated in but did not complete the *Reading Program*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \*Used two programs from the *Program Book*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \*Used the *Prayer Calendar* regularly in the unit meetings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Communicated with five persons listed in the *Prayer Calendar*, one from Michigan Conference.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \*Unit had two members reading **response** each month.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \*Unit included a *response Moment* during its meeting using an article to tell our mission story.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Unit had one *Social Action* program.

**Mission Action**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \*Participated in a District or Conference ingathering project.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Had a member of United Methodist Women present a mission program for youth or children in the church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Had at least one member visit a United Methodist Mission Project and report to the unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. \*Had at least one person receive and respond to legislative information from the United Methodist Women's Action Network.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Unit or member participated in a workshop, seminar, or book study related to social concerns that stimulated and enriched the total community.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. \*Unit participated in the *Campaign for Children* in at least two ways. Possibilities are:
  - o Co-sponsored with the local church, a Children's Sabbath.
  - o Involved with mentoring, tutoring or "big sisters" programs.
  - o Communicated with representatives advocating for children issues.
  - o Attended a school board meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Made a pledge to care for God's creation and worked to become a "green" United Methodist Unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \*Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice policies in at least one way during the year. Possibilities include:
  - o Read books and articles about another race or culture.
  - o Sponsor an inter-ethnic event between two or more units.
  - o Recruit women of color to be members or officers of the unit.
  - o Correspond with elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, civil rights, and programs for low-income persons, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. Sent this completed form to your **District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation** by **deadline date: February 1, 2023.**

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



**Send to your District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME:

**PLAN CHOSEN:**

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## 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

## ADDRESSES

CONFERENCE

CITY, STATE, ZIP

## MISSION EMPHASES

## Education for Mission

## Leadership Development

## Nurturing for Community

## Social Action

### Spiritual Growth

response

New World Outlook



## GREEN TEAM

Elaine Ferris, Green Team Chair

### CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION — OUR STEWARDSHIP

One way to embrace an eco-friendly lifestyle is to make small changes to what we purchase. We may not all be as frugal as the lady whose entire yearly non-recyclables fit in a mason jar, but a little intention can go a long way! Psalm 24:1: "The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it."

#### Shop with Intention

Fast fashion is a major contributor to landfill waste. Reports show 80 percent of unused textiles end up in landfills. One eco-friendly approach is opting for brands that use sustainable production methods. Another approach is to re-think your shopping strategy. For example, buy fewer clothes, go to thrift markets, and invest in longer lasting high-quality clothing.

Many churches have rummage sales. This is "recycling" at its best — each of the objects gets another "life" and funding can turn around and help with mission projects.

#### Shop at Refill & Bulk Stores

Visit your local refill or bulk store. These stores refill containers you already have and a great way to buy measured quantities of things like dried good and spices. Or, try choosing goods that come in reusable or recyclable glass containers and jars. Yes, it can take a little more time to cook "from scratch" — but it's a trade-off for more vitamins.

#### Reduce Food Waste

How can we help reduce this? Plan meals and buy items you will cook in the next 2 weeks. Another useful tip is to get in the habit of freezing leftovers. If you know you may not eat the leftover in the next day or so, put it in your reusable silicone freezer bag, pop it in the freezer, and save it for a future meal.

#### Switch to Eco-Friendly and Sustainable Cleaning Products

Cleaning products have a major environmental impact: they wash into local water bodies, making them unfit for aquatic life and endangering surrounding plants and wildlife; and they come in plastic packaging which piles up in our landfills. You can swap out your all-purpose cleaners for sustainable ingredients and reusable bottles.

#### Small Changes = Big Impact

Let this be the year you take a step towards living an eco-friendly lifestyle. As an example, in our small town of 8,000 people, it costs about \$28,000 just to pick up trash for a month! What programs could we fund with that amount?

Many of us think immediately of "recycling" as our part. There is more we can do — it takes only a little forethought. In the "Poverty" mission study, the earth's population was divided into four categories: the top half included those who had enough and those who had more than enough to live with food, shelter and all. The other half included those who not only never had quite enough (food, shelter, clean water, clean air) but those who through war, poverty, and climate change, never had a chance to survive. We can help re-balance that equation: even in little ways. Think about who you are voting for and what their position is on things like global warming and building a sustainable economy.

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## CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION — OUR STEWARDSHIP (CONT)

One of the smallest coins is a penny. But many pennies add up. Take up a “noisy collection” of small change and send it to UMCOR's Water for Life — there are programs to educate people on building safe, clean water sources and repairing the workings, and training others in how to keep it clean water.

<https://searraliggett.com/blog/2021/4/21/the-ultimate-zero-waste-grocery-guide-michigan> is a list of the refillable shops and bulk food stores in Michigan. These are in not only Detroit and Grand Rapids, but also Lansing, Kalamazoo, and even Dexter and Chelsea! Foods for Living is turning towards bulk foods as are local food co-ops. You are encouraged to bring your own packaging. The refillable shops weigh your container empty, and the filled, you pay by the contents.

And — remember your local Farmer Markets in season!



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Judy Christie, Mid-Michigan District Treasurer

As we start the new year, as your new district treasurer, I want to give you some information so you can update your files. As this is a new position for me at the district level, I will appreciate any assistance from the local units to please ask questions and we will figure it out together. I was a past local unit treasurer for six years and can assist you, if needed.

If possible, I would like to receive all Pledge to Mission and 5-channels prior to October 2022 so the funds will be credited for the 2022 year. The Special Mission Recognition (SMR) needs at least 2 months for the pin to be processed. This includes mailing from unit to district and then paperwork from district to national. National will send pin to person listed on SMR and district treasurer will mail the award certificate. You may receive the certificate before the pin from National. It may be sooner than two months, but it is better to make sure the certificate and pin are available for presentation for recognition.

A few updates for new local unit and continuing treasurers. Please make checks payable to Mid-Michigan UMW and mail to:

Judy Christie  
2667 E. Holt Road  
Williamston, MI 48895

You may e-mail me at [jchristie664@aol.com](mailto:jchristie664@aol.com). If you do e-mail me, which is fine, please put in the subject line “DISTRICT TREAS UMW”. My phone number is (517) 294-3321.

Legacy Fund donations do not need to go through the district, but can instead be sent directly to the National Office at:

United Methodist Women National Office  
Attn: Legacy Fund  
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor

## 2022 Mid-Michigan District United Women In Faith Friends List

Local units have been assigned a friend from the district leadership team. Please invite your district friend to a unit or circle meeting. They are also available to help with induction of officers, provide information and help for your unit.

Churches/Units	Leadership Friend
Alma, Ithaca, Mason, Leslie, Millville, Riverdale/Lincoln Road, St. Louis, Stockbridge	Karol Fry 517-525-6561
Carson City, Maple Rapids, Middlebury/Ovid, Shepardsville, St. Johns First	Linda Huyck 989-838-2523 Carol Smith 989-620-1938
Grand Ledge, Lansing Asbury, Lansing Central, Lansing Grace, Lansing Mt. Hope	Sharon Smith 517-648-1333 Cynthia Grostick 517-230-8405
Brookfield, Gresham/Charlotte, Wacousta	Beverly Saunders 517-887-7512
Ashley, Bannister, Chapin/Elsie, Chesaning Trinity, Pompeii	Waltha Gaye Levitt 989-640-0238
Corunna, Corunna NW, Eaton Rapids, Owosso First, Owosso Trinity	Donna Kleiver 517-663-4193
Fowlerville Trinity, Laingsburg, Webberville	Judy Christie 517-294-3321
East Lansing University, Holt, Kalamo, Nashville	Audrey Putman 517-482-2023
Hastings/Greenstreet, Hastings/Welcome Corners, Sunfield/Freeport	Mary Ann Elzerman 517-712-0269
Juddville, New Lothrop, Vernon	Elaine Ferris 517-676-4175
Morrice/Bancroft, Okemos, Perry, Shaftsbury	Lynda Crandall 517-663-9114
Lake Odessa Central, Peace, Portland, Delta Mills	Patty Puckett 517-351-3151

## MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UMW 2022 MEETING DATES AND SITES

### **EPIPHANY**

Saturday, January 8, 2022  
4215 E. Holt Rd., Webberville

### **WEBBERVILLE**

Helen Anway, President  
2165 Gramer Rd., Webberville  
Ph. 517-521-3724

### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Wednesday, March 09, 2022

ZOOM

### **2022 SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

TBD

TBD

(Midwestern District Host)

### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Wednesday, June 08, 2022  
116 S. Franklin St., St. Louis

### **ST. LOUIS FIRST**

Kay Clark, President  
510 S. Franklin St., St. Louis  
Ph. 989-763-8331  
E: [kayclark044@gmail.com](mailto:kayclark044@gmail.com)

### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Wednesday, September 07, 2022  
135 West Burton Street  
Pompeii, MI 48874

### **POMPEII UMC**

Linda Schmitendorff, President  
1539 W Garfield Rd, #1  
Perrinton, MI 48871  
E:

### **ANNUAL CELEBRATION**

Wednesday, September 14, 2022  
510 S. Franklin St., St. Louis

### **ST. LOUIS FIRST**

Kay Clark, President  
(See above)

### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Wednesday, December 07, 2022  
1120 S Harrison Rd  
East Lansing, MI 48823

### **UNIVERSITY UMC**

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May 20-22 — UMW Assembly 2022 in Orlando, FL

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at St. Louis First UMC

October 22 — Conference Annual  
at Kalamazoo First