



THE MESSENGER

News from the Mid-Michigan District
United Methodist Women

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Sharon Smith



I begin this first *Messenger* letter as President by saying THANK YOU first to God for always being present and for the leadership learned from his Son, Jesus, who was the first and best leader of all time. I next extend THANKS to the Leadership Team with whom I have served for the past four years. A special THANK YOU to Donna Kleiver who allowed me the latitude to learn and grow as a UMW leader. My first Leadership Team meeting I arrived knowing little about the tri-level organization we know as United Methodist Women.

Another THANK YOU to those new members of the Mid-Michigan District United Methodist Women for accepting the challenges that District Leadership provides. WELCOME to Mary Ann, Judy, Audrey and Carol. Be sure to read their introductory articles in this issue.

THANK YOU to all of you who are participating and coming back to meetings in-person and re-igniting your Units. Did you know that UMW members no longer are required to be members of the United Methodist Church? Our organization is open and welcoming to any women who feel passionate or compelled to work with UMW for the benefit of women, children, and youth in our communities and around the globe. THANK YOU to our national United Methodist Women for working to institute changes that will benefit local units and give us new and improved resources to become more effective at helping women, children and youth.

I am thankful for the opportunity to attend Assembly coming up in Orlando, Florida in May. I hope you will be attending in person, but there is also a virtual opportunity to register. See assembly2022.org. While I've attended only one Assembly, I can assure you that your attendance will inspire you beyond measure. The Assembly experience is amazing.

Finally, THANK YOU for your support of Mid-Michigan District United Methodist Women. I look forward to meeting you at your unit meeting, a District event, or maybe even at Assembly. I THANK YOU for the opportunity to serve as your 2022 President.

May you be blessed with joy, love and good health in 2022.



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 midmiumwnews@gmail.com.


As UMW, 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) 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 and on the left hand side of the home page is a box to enter your email address.

NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

Please make note of the following correction: Fall 2021 newsletter article "In Loving Memory" listed Cleo Chase as belonging to Williamston Crossroads United Methodist Church. Please note that Cleo Chase is from Webberville United Methodist Church. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

 <p>United Methodist Women FAITH+HOPE+LOVE IN ACTION</p>	<p>PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN</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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SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Lynda Crandall, Social Action Chair

**Do You Know This Symbol?**

This image represents United Methodist Women's commitment to work for racial justice. It symbolizes a world of racially and ethnically diverse peoples working together side by side to create a world in which every person has a voice, rights and opportunity for abundant life. Within the image are two hands joined together to work for justice for all God's children.

In 2022, we continue our Social Action focus on Racial Justice. The Charter for Racial Justice stems from work that produced the original charter in 1980 – 42 years ago! Unfortunately, our focus and action are still needed. The topic has broadened over the years to include recognition of the School to Prison Pipeline, the Criminalization of Communities of Color including racial profiling, mass incarceration and mandatory sentencing laws.

For help planning your unit programs for 2022 please include a program or two on Racial Justice. A great resource is *Tools for Leaders: Resources for Racial Justice*. This document can be found on-line at: [unitedmethodistwomen.org/download-resources/racial-justice-tools-for-leaders](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/download-resources/racial-justice-tools-for-leaders). It is interesting to scroll through the document; please look especially at pages 107-112 to renew your understanding of the United Methodist Women Board of Directors 2012 Resolution, The Criminalization of Communities of Color in the United States.

What can your unit do in 2022 to help raise local awareness of the continuing needs for equal education, housing, employment, medical care, and environmental justice for all members of the community and to create opportunities to work for these things across racial lines?

NOMINATIONS CHAIR

Bernice Natoli, Nominations Chair

As my tenure comes to an end I would like to thank you for the honor of serving and the support I have had along the way these past few years. It has been such a pleasure to get to know and serve with so many dedicated ladies. Being part of a Christian community whose purpose is to know God and support missions has been the greatest satisfaction and fulfillment of my life. May God bless you all as you continue in His work.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hello, I am Judy Christie from Webberville UMC. I will be your new **District Treasure** and am excited about being a part of the 2022 Leadership Team. I look forward to working with the District Friends. Please be patient with me as I learn this new position. God's Blessings.

My name is Audrey Putman. I am married to Dave and we just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. We have 2 grown sons, 2 daughters-in-law, and 5 grandchildren - ages 8 - 18! I am a member of Mt Hope UMC and President of our local UMW unit. This is my second time on the District Team, and I'm excited to be back with team members as **Registrar**. I will attempt to fill Joyce Plumhoff's shoes! I look forward to hearing from your units for the next District event. Book Club: Mt Hope UMW started a book club before Covid. The group would decide which book from the reading list we would read and then get together for the discussion. We announced the book club to our UMW members and also put it in the church weekly update. We had some, especially men, who also read the book, but did not attend the book club. This generated interest in the UMW Reading Program. Sometimes one of the members would read a book to see if it was something for the whole club to read and discuss. I am currently reading *FINDING PEACE IN AN ANXIOUS WORLD*, edited by former Pastor Erin Jones-Brown of Urban Village Church in TX. There are four chapters: Serenity, Acceptance, Courage and Wisdom. I would highly recommend this book. The book club did not meet during Covid and as of this newsletter has not started meeting.

Hi! I'm Linda Huyck, (pronounced "hike") the incoming **district secretary**. While I am new to this position, I am not new to the district leadership team. I have served on the nominations committee for a couple years now. I am a member of the Pompeii United Methodist Church. This may not be a name that is familiar to you as we are in the northern part of the district recently added because of the merger of the two conferences which resulted in the re-districting. This means that I am just getting to know many of the UMW members and churches of the district. I hope that you will be patient with me as I learn more about the rich traditions you all cherish and maybe bring a few new traditions with me. United Methodist Women is a sisterhood that is very important to me personally as I am sure it is to many of you. It has given me the opportunity to meet many wonderful women across the state and even the nation and I cherish both the members of my local unit as well as the larger organization. I will do my best to be worthy of the responsibilities of this office.

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

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

Just a reminder to unit presidents to please complete and submit to me the attached 2022 Mission Today form no later than February 15, 2023. The 2021 Mission Today form is due to me by February 15, 2022. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at fry@msu.edu.

READING PROGRAM

The Reading Program for 2022 has a wide variety of books to choose from and new titles have been added to the list. I've read a very good article that explains the reading program in the November/December 2021 Response Magazine along with a listing of books and short descriptions of content. The Reading Program covers books offered from 2015 forward. Access reading lists at www.umwmissionresources.org.

Be sure to subscribe to Response Magazine, regular reading of this publication is a requirement of the Reading Program.

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

**MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
LOCAL UNIT LEADERSHIP 2022**

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 & Interpretation</u>
<u>Social Action</u>	<u>Membership Nurture & Outreach</u>	<u>Secretary of Program Resources</u>
<u>Nominations</u>	<u>Communications Coordinator</u>	<u>Other Chairpersons</u>
If no active unit, please provide the following contact information: Primary Contact Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____ Phone Number: _____		Number of members at 1/1/2021: _____ Number of members added: _____ Number of members removed by death: _____ Number of members lost: _____ Est. number of members at 12/31/2021: _____

Send form by December 1, 2021, to: Rita Baird, 2031 W. Olds Road, Leslie, MI 49251 or camp2rit@hotmail.com

2022 Mission Today Unit Objectives

United Methodist Women - Michigan Conference

Please print clearly!

Name of Unit _____ District _____

Name _____ (_____) Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

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:

REGISTER FOR UMW ASSEMBLY
MAY 20-22, 2022
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, FL
assembly2022.org

Early Registration Fee

\$330 (available Sept. 1—Nov. 30, 2021, which includes lunch on Friday and Saturday)

After the early bird registration ends, the registration fee is \$365.00 and is good Dec. 1, 2021—April 11, 2022.

Registration closes April 11. (Proof of vaccination required at time of registration. Visit the FAQ page for assistance.)

Hotel Expenses:

\$158-\$203 per night for up to four people (double/double room)

Meal Expenses:

Friday and Saturday — breakfast and dinner

Sunday — breakfast

Early Registration Fee for Virtual:

\$199 (available Sept. 1—Nov. 30, 2021)

So TOGETHER, we can TURN IT UP for
Justice as we put our faith, hope, and love in
action on behalf of women, children, and
youth in the state of Florida and all over the world!



2022 Mid-Michigan District UMW 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

2021 Membership Report

Please return the following names of new and deceased members no later than Feb. 15, 2022 to:

Patty Puckett

1868 Burrwood Circle, East Lansing, Michigan 48823

(517) 351-3151 or woodstone1@sbcglobal.net

Name of Local Unit: _____

City: _____

Total number of members on December 31, 2021: _____

Name of person submitting information: _____

	New Members between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021
Name	
Name	
Name	
Name	
Name	

	Deceased Members between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021
Name	
Name	
Name	
Name	
Name	

(If additional space is required, use the back of this form.)

United Methodist Women Mid-Michigan District 2022 Budget**ADMINISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (A&MD)****OFFICER EXPENSES:****(Those not associated with District or Conference Events)**

100	Postage	<u>\$75.00</u>
101	Office Supplies	<u>200.00</u>
103	Travel (including visitation to local units)	<u>1,000.00</u>
104	Meals	<u>0.00</u>
105	Printing	<u>50.00</u>
106	Bank Expenses	<u>75.00</u>
107	Audit	<u>100.00</u>
108	Dependent Care	<u>50.00</u>
109	Officer Resources/Literature	<u></u>

TOTAL OFFICER EXPENSES**\$1,550.00****CONFERENCE EVENT EXPENSES: (Those associated with events, including travel, meals, dependent care, scholarships, when not covered by Conference)**

200	Conference Annual Meeting	<u></u>
201	Keep Making Peace Day	<u></u>
202	Mission U	<u>2,000.00</u>
203	Other Conference Events	<u></u>

TOTAL CONFERENCE EVENTS**\$2,000.00****DISTRICT EVENT EXPENSES: (Those associated with events, including travel, meals, supplies, printing, dependent care, honoraria, scholarships for local women)**

300	District Annual Meeting	<u>400.00</u>
301	Local Unit Leadership Training	<u>100.00</u>
302	District Spiritual Growth Retreat	<u>1,200.00</u>
304	Other District Events: Epiphany	<u></u>

TOTAL DISTRICT EVENTS**\$1,500.00****OTHER EXPENSES**

400	Newsletter/Directory (including printing & postage)	<u>1,400.00</u>
401	Program Resources (including sales tax)	<u>150.00</u>
402	District SMR, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, etc.	<u>300.00</u>
403	Church Women United	<u></u>
409	Miscellaneous	<u></u>

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES**\$1850.00****TOTAL BUDGETED A&MD****\$6,900.00****2022 PLEDGE TO MISSION****\$30,000.00**

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

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

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SAVE THE DATES

TBD — Keep Making Peace at East Lansing University UMC

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

September 14 — District Annual UMW Celebration
at St. Louis First UMC

October 22 — Conference Annual
at Kalamazoo First