



THE MESSENGER

News from the Mid-Michigan District
United Methodist Women

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New to the District

Hello from the UMW unit at **Trinity UMC** (Livingston Circuit). We are new to the Mid-Michigan District as a result of the district mergers. As such we wanted to let you know a little bit about our unit.

We are passionate about helping women, children and youth all over the world and quite active in mission for a small unit of 12 members. As a unit, we host various events open to the community throughout the year and are blessed to be able to provide funding for local and global missions. As individuals we have all had leadership roles in various community groups. We are enthusiastic to be engaged in mission with United Methodist Women.

We hope to learn what other UMW units are doing in their churches and share ideas. Join us for one of our monthly meetings or one of our events.

2nd Tuesday of the month - UMW Meeting: Join us for dinner, program, and great fellowship:

(6:30 - 8:30 p.m.)

April 6 - UMW is hosting a bake sale during the church pancake supper. (5 - 7 p.m.)

April 14 - UMW will be helping hosting the church Tractor Blessing (2 p.m.)

May 2 - 4 - UMW is hosting a rummage sale
Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday
9 a.m. - Noon.

Our rural church is located at 8201 Iosco Road, Fowlerville, MI. As we Spring into a new season, may we hop toward a closer friendship with each other and God.

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One of our Busy Groups

The UMW of **Mt. Hope United Methodist Church** in Lansing has two circles, a book club and the Sow and Sewers group. The Monday night circle has a variety of meetings on many different subjects. The Tuesday afternoon, or the Mary Ruth Circle does monthly favors for a local assisted living facility and the Visitation Team. The book club picks current books to read from the Reading List and meets monthly. The Sow and Sewers meet Wednesday afternoons and make quilts for the Maplewood Women's Shelter, flannel diapers, draft dodgers and other items. The Mary Ruth Circle, with only 10 members, make approximately 100 favors per month, many times related to the holiday that month. It is a time of food, fellowship, devotion and creativity.



(Our UMW members at work on projects)

Audrey Putman, President
Mt Hope UMW

President's Reminders

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40 (NRSV)

We are in the midst of Lent and looking forward to celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Easter Sunday, a time of celebration and renewal. As I meditate on the Lenten season I look forward to finding our Lord in new activities and adventures with United Methodist Women.

The Mid-Michigan District is in that process with preparing to attend Keep Making Peace at University UMC, Spiritual Renewal with the Midwest District in May at St Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt, getting to know our District Friends and writing our Standing Rules. Such a wonderful time to begin new friendships, have fun and learn what the Lord has in store for each of us as we serve Him.

I hope that all of the unit presidents, or their representative, registered for the census that ended on March 30, 2019. This was a very important count for national office by gathering information and looking at what national office can do to assist the units, districts and conferences to be in Mission.

March 23, 2019, was the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women, and I encourage you to include them in your donations through the Legacy Fund. Even though the 23rd has passed we are celebrating throughout 2019. I would like to hear what you are doing within your units or church to celebrate our milestone. Please send *The Messenger* editor an article, description or picture of how you have celebrated. The Mid-Michigan District would like to put some articles or pictures in our newsletter, *The Messenger*.

I congratulate all of our units as you have been adjusting to our new Mid-Michigan District and becoming involved. Keep up the wonderful work. Our leadership team looks forward to continued meetings and working along with you. Continue to serve God as He calls you to help others' in need.

Donna Kleiver, President



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Caring for God's Creation

All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. United Methodist Women call for sound stewardship of the earth and environmentally friendly lifestyles that preserve creation for the benefit of present and future generations. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect.

Our mission is to educate and support individuals and organizations; encourage them to practice environmentally sustainable habits; conserve natural resources, and to conduct activities and events in an environmentally responsible way.

Some suggestions:

- Make goals measurable in a time frame: i.e. once a year have a program on reducing household waste.
- Actions may include getting people to take action, however big or small, by reducing consumption by at least 10 – 30% in the areas of solid waste, household chemicals, energy, water, fuel and emissions.
- Educate yourselves. Learn about environmental issues. Meet new people and exchange ideas to become aware of our own environmental impacts.
- Get involved with your community's efforts towards sustainability. Engage with a growing group of action-oriented people and businesses committed to sustainability and community building.
- Reach beyond family or household to friends and colleagues and the world around us.

A relationship with God's creation and a ministry of caring for and healing the earth are integral to what it means to be United Methodist. It's not just about trash or recycling. It can be as simple as gathering a group to brainstorm ways to reduce energy usage in church or home; or taking a tour of the local recycling operation. Even holding a rummage sale is "recycling"! Just starting is the most important part of this whole program.



Reusable water bottles can make a difference

Buying a reusable water bottle is one of the easiest lifestyle choices people can make with a major environmental impact. If just 10% of United Methodist Women members (80,000 women) used a reusable water bottle for 365 days rather than buying water in a bottle, we could save at least enough energy to power an average household for 552 years. With 800,000 women across the world committing together to more sustainable practices and having our meetings be models of sustainability, we hold a tremendous amount of transformational power! We believe we can be the change we want to see in the world today, not only for ourselves but for the world of our children and grandchildren!

For information on how to be a model of sustainability, check out *The 13 Steps to Sustainability* found at unitedmethodistwomen.org.

Elaine Ferris
Green Team

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH

Urgent Reminder

All units were to send to me their membership information including a list of names for new members and deceased members in 2018. This was due in February but many have not yet been submitted. In addition, I need your membership numbers as of January 1, 2018 and final membership on December 31, 2018. (This information is above and beyond the census the unit presidents did by March 31, 2018, for national office.) If you did not send this information to me, **PLEASE** contact me ASAP. The deceased names are used during the Memorial Service at our district annual meeting and I do not want to miss any of our blessed women.

Donna Kleiver
Interim Mission Coordinator

Rummage Sales

The UMW of the First United Methodist Church of Eaton Rapids will hold its spring rummage sale on Friday, April 26 (9 am - 5 pm) and Saturday, April 27 (9 am - 3 pm) in our Fellowship Hall. Our red brick church is located at 600 South Main Street (M-99), a block south of the downtown area, with parking behind the church. We'll have lots of household items, toys, books, clothes, etc. The proceeds of this sale will go to our mission projects.

The UMW of Mason First United Methodist Church is holding its spring rummage sale at 201 East Ash Street Mason on Friday, April 5 (9 a - 5 pm) and Saturday, April 6 (9 am - noon). Saturday is \$3/bag sale. Books, toys, puzzles, flowers, knickknacks, office stuff, electronics, some furniture, linens, jewelry, and "Fabulous Finds". Clothing for children and adults, all sorted by size. Donate - especially the week of April 1st - or come and get great bargains. Tell a friend. Funds made will help support mission projects. Please, no "fat" TVs. Barrier-free entrance on the northwest corner of the parking lot (with an elevator).

Nominations Committee

Spring always reminds me it is time to think about Mission u. Mission u is where United Methodist Women go to learn more about the issues we are focusing on for the year and how we can work to implement changes to improve these issues. There is also a spiritual growth study. The information we gather at these studies we take back to share with our local units. Mission u is also a time to see old friends and make new ones. I hope to see many of you there.

As Nominations Committee Chair, I would like to invite anyone that is interested in joining our leadership team to get in touch with me or any member of the leadership team. The team is very supportive of all new members and willing to assist in any way to help you become familiar with the details of a positive you might be interested in filling. Peace.

Bernice Natoli
Nominations Committee Chairperson

Social Justice

As we United Methodist women celebrate our special anniversary this year, let's remember how we have responded to God's call for action. The constant in this long history is change. Change doesn't come easy but just as our foremothers did we can respond to God's call with courage and determination. One of the priority issues for 2019 is economic justice - especially for low wage earners and tip workers. These workers are struggling for respect, safety and a fair living wage. As Michigan attempted to increase the minimum wage in late March to \$10.00 an hour a legislative amendment to the original bill reduced the increase and delayed the increases to \$12.00 an hour until 2030.

One Fair Wage in Michigan supports the minimum wage effort and hopes to gather signed petitions to put this issue on the ballot so restaurant workers can get full minimum wage with tips as well.

Mason UMW is planning an information unit meeting with their legislative representative soon to learn more about this issue. I encourage you to do the same.

A very informative book on this issue is : [We Are All Fast-Food Workers Now - The Global Uprising Against Poverty Wages](#) by Annelise Orleck.

Mother Teresa often quoted this scripture to support her ministry to the poor: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40, 45, NIV

We always want to put our faith in action.

Nancy Nay
Social Action Mission Coordinator

United Methodist

Community House

The United Methodist Community House provides quality services to children, youth and seniors in the community. The UMW participates in helping to support the UMCH and through the generosity of supporters, is proud to share their 2018 accomplishments:

- Improved sustainability: Eliminated a major deficit and ended the year in the black without layoffs or reduction in services.
- Increased paid services by 50% from expanded programming.
- Added 48 infant and toddler seats in our center including 5 new classrooms funded by Amway, Steelcase and legacy donors.
- Added over 20 new staff to support expanded Child Development Center services and supported some of them with professional development opportunities.
- Added security doors and new entry system to better protect our children and seniors.
- Created a new computer lab for our youth and seniors Also updated technology and phone systems for improved connectivity and efficiency.
- Freshened up the facility with paint, new signage, bathroom upgrades, parking lot repairs, updated classrooms, purchased Childhood Development Center lesson supplies and lots of learning toys.
- Built new partnerships with over a dozen organizations in Greater Grand Rapids to help deliver services more effectively and efficiently.

The United Methodist Community House is located at 904 Sheldon Avenue, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507.

Thank You!

With gratitude and praise, we thank Lynda Crandall for the tremendous job she has done preparing and publishing the newsletter for the last four years. We will miss her at our leadership meetings but are ever so grateful for all she has done for our District.

Five Star Giving

Spring is just around the corner reminding us that all things change and are renewed! Likewise, as we move ahead as members of the Mid-Michigan District we are provided with some new opportunities and changes as well. One of these is an introduction of 5 Star Giving which former members of the Detroit Conference are familiar with. 5 Star Giving is essentially the same as 5 Channels of Giving except it is completed by individuals rather than units. The minimal donation required would be \$60 if \$5 each were paid in for "Pledge", "Gift in Memory", "Gift to Mission", and "World Thank Offering". The Special Mission Recognition pins and certificate start at \$40 for the basic gold pin. In this issue of *The Messenger* is the form used to participate in 5 Star Giving. Please use the 5 Star Giving Form exclusively for individuals, and units who are seeking to meet 5 Channels of Giving use the Remittance Form. If there are any questions on this, please contact me.

Jackie Ricketts

Mid Michigan District Treasurer

4827 Marian Hills

Pleasant Lake, MI 49272

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(The Five Star Giving Form is on the following page.)

New Tax ID Number

Another change that is required with our newly formed conference is that we have a new EIN # (Tax Exempt #) that each unit needs to update with their bank. Please contact me and I will provide you with the necessary documentation to get that taken care of at your bank. I thank you all for the time and effort you put in to make these changes possible. If I can be of any help please don't hesitate to contact me.

Jackie Ricketts, Treasurer



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.

FIVE STAR PERSON**YOUR GIFT****TO GOD'S WORK****WORKS WONDERS****MISSION GIVING**

_____ Your personal pledge
 An individual member's pledge to mission is the amount that she decides is her share of the local unit's total budget. A unit Pledge to Mission is the portion of its budget that is set as a goal to send through district and conference treasurers to United Methodist Women for support of mission programs beyond its own community. The remainder of the unit's funds is used for administration and membership development (A&MD) expenses and for mission locally. Minimum of \$5.00

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

_____ Amount
 _____ Name of Person
 An individual or unit may make a gift to mission in honor of any person in amounts of \$40, \$60, \$100, \$200, \$500, or \$1000. For each gift a certificate and a gold pin (optional) are provided for the honoree.

GIFT TO MISSION _____ Amount _____ Type of Card
 A gift of \$5.00 or more for mission may be made in honor of any individual and a card may be sent to the honoree. The following cards are available: Congratulations, Thank You, A Baby, In the Service of Christ (for mission workers), a Special Day, Thinking of You, Happy Birthday and Christmas cards (packs of 5 for \$25).

Gift In Memory _____ Amount _____ Name of Person
 Gifts in Memory may be made in the name of any member or friend in any amount of \$5.00 or more. Gift in Memory cards, available free, may be sent to the family of the deceased.

WORLD THANK OFFERING

_____ Amount
 Spontaneous additional gifts in any amount can be given for gratitude of God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life. Minimum of \$5.00

Your Name _____
 Number of Years I have been a Five Star Person _____
 Unit Name _____
 Check Number _____ Amount _____ Date _____
 Give to your unit Treasurer

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MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UMW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION MISSION U 2019

Mission u

Learning Together for Transformation of the World



One of the goals of Mid-Michigan District UMW is to provide scholarships for two local church women who have not previously attended Mission u. Childcare will be included at Mission u of the West at Albion College if needed. If there are more than two requests, the final decision will be made by the Executive Team of the Mid-Michigan District Mission Team. Individuals may apply or you may submit a nomination in someone's name.

Name of person submitting form: _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____ Name of local church/UMW Unit _____

Name of Nominee _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail if available _____

Nominee's age level: 18-25 _____ 26-40 _____ 41+ _____

Is nominee now a member of UMW? _____ If yes, where? _____

Will nominee attend full time (Thurs. through Sat.) _____ (Mission u of the West)

Name & ages of children attending that will need child care: (Mission u of the West)

Names and ages of children who will attend Kid's or Youth Mission School (K-12th grade)

Please explain below why nominee should be considered: (use back of sheet if necessary)

Complete and return by June 1, 2019

Pat Mentzer, 528 Middlebury Lane, Mason MI 48854
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What's New in Mission Today?

The purpose of promoting a Mission Today Unit is:

To energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action.

Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so the United Methodist Women understand where their money goes.

Encourage the use of mission resources through United Methodist Women.

Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.



A Few Changes: In the January issue of the Mid-Michigan Messenger you received the 2019 Mission Today form to be completed by December 31, 2019. It needs to be returned to the Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by February 15, 2020. A unit will receive a Certificate of Achievement upon completion of one of the given categories through December 31, 2019, to be presented at our Annual Meeting the following October (2020). Since you received this form a revised version has been made available at umwmichiganconference.org. There is little difference in the forms. If you cannot locate the form in the January Messenger, you can download a form from the above website.

Mission Action Objective #28: *Had at least one person receive and respond to legislative information from the United Methodist Women Action Network. In revised version information was given on how to obtain action alerts. The following information about Action Alerts is provided for your information.

What are Action Alerts? United Methodist Women is focused on four issue priorities, and within them, four campaigns. You can receive periodic e-mail alerts on any or all of these campaigns to stay informed and to take action! Sign up for any of the campaigns below. (Your e-mail is never shared with other organizations.)

How do I Sign Up for Action Alerts? Get Action Alerts by signing up at: unitedmethodistwomen.org/actionalerts with the following information

Name, Address, City, State, ZIP code, Phone, Email

Choose the areas on which you would like to receive periodic updates. Share with others.

- ☐ General social action updates
- ☐ Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline (Criminalization of Communities of Color/Mass Incarceration)
- ☐ A Living Wage for All (Economic Inequality)
- ☐ Just Energy for All (Climate Justice)
- ☐ End Maternal Mortality (Maternal Health)

Additional resources on social action issues may be found at unitedmethodistwomen.org and umwmichiganconference.org

Mission Education objectives 22 and 23. Did you know that many *Response magazine* articles can be found at unitedmethodistwomen.org? Just one example of the many resources found on this great website.



Mission Action Objective 31. A Great Bonus!! You get credit just for returning your 2019 form!

Make this the year you become a Mission Today Unit!!!!

For more information on becoming a Mission Today Unit, please contact me.

Patricia Mentzer, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation
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Midwest and Mid-Michigan District United Methodist Women presents...

2019 Spiritual Growth Retreat

"What is your Spiritual Style?"

A meaningful weekend of peace and prayer with our soul sisters.

May 3 – 4, 2019 St. Francis Retreat Center

703 East Main Street, Dewitt, MI

Check-in: Friday 4-5 p.m. Send-off: Saturday 3 p.m.

Enjoy a weekend of interaction, conversation, small group discussion, and lots of laughter as well as afternoon break out sessions to support and enhance your spiritual joys.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIO: Jody Pratt works in a variety of capacities for the United Methodist Church of Michigan and North Central Jurisdiction. As the co-director for Lay Servant Ministries and Volunteers In Mission (VIM) Coordinator for Michigan she is responsible for trainings that identify and use your spiritual gifts to bring joy into your life. Jody currently works with pre-service teachers in the Ferris State program, Junior Achievement volunteer and as an occasional classroom substitute. Currently she is working with teams going Cass Community Social Services, God's Country Community Parish, and two upcoming teams to Peru (Discovery Mission and health care focused).

INGATHERING: Bring prizes for seniors' games at Grand Rapids Community House: Soaps, lotions, nail polish, aftershave, etc. and/or gently-used children's books for the day care.

FUNDRAISER: Bring items for an accessories auction: new and gently used purses, scarves, belts, hats, gloves, jewelry (all necklaces must be placed in small, closed plastic bags), etc. Proceeds benefit the Grand Rapids Community House.

Registration Deadline: April 23, 2019. Use one form per person. Please print.

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

District: _____ Local Church: _____

Roommate: _____ Email: _____

All rooms have twin beds and a bathroom. All facilities are accessible.

Make checks payable to: *Midwest District UMW* Cost: \$85.00

Send registrations to: Sue Van Portfliet, 1333 Ravanna Drive SE, Grand Rapids MI 49508

Michigan Conference Mission u

Mission u is being offered in 4 locations throughout Michigan. While each location offers the same courses, the length of the sessions and the settings are options for you to choose.

All locations are handicapped accessible. The Albion College location offers a shuttle between buildings.

A Hands On Mission Experience is available at the Lake Huron location. You can choose between a variety of mission opportunities such as preparing and serving lunch at Mid City Nutrition Center, sorting and stocking inventory at a Free Store, etc. More information with registration confirmation.

You are responsible for lodging in Gaylord. There are a block of rooms with a group rate at the Baymont Inn 989-731-6331.



Gaylord First UMC



The Lodge at Lake Huron
Retreat Center



Baldwin Hall at Albion College



Southfield Hope United Methodist Church



Michigan Conference Mission u 2019

Of the West ~ Albion College

July 10-13 (Wednesday-Saturday)

6:30 pm Registration (No dinner provided)

Registrar: Beth Mitchell

barmitch55@gmail.com

3813 Rockwood Drive, Kalamazoo 49004

Register by June 26

Of the South ~ Southfield Hope UMC

July 20 (Saturday)

8 am Registration

Registrar: Mary McCully

registerfordeconmissionu@gmail.com

7664 N Canton Center Road, Canton 48187

Register by July 1

Of the East ~ Lake Huron Retreat Center

One day event OR Hands On Mission Experience

August 15 (Thursday)

8 am Registration

August 16-17 (Friday-Saturday)

7:30 am Registration

Registrar: Mary McCully

registerfordeconmissionu@gmail.com

7664 N Canton Center Road, Canton 48187

Register by August 1

Of the North ~ First UMC, Gaylord

October 21-22 (Monday-Tuesday)

9 am Registration

Registrar: Tiffany Crawford

1490 Crest RD, Gladwin, 48624

missionuofthenorth@yahoo.com

Register by October 5

Mission u of the West, Albion College July 10-13 (Wednesday-Saturday)

On Campus:

- ☐ Adult \$250
- ☐ Children/Youth (Grades K-12) FREE
- ☐ Enriched Child Care (Ages 0-4) FREE
- Commuter With 5 Meals:**
- ☐ Adult \$150
- ☐ Children/Youth (Grades K-12) FREE
- ☐ Enriched Child Care (Ages 0-4) FREE
- Commuter With NO Meals:**
- ☐ Adult \$100
- ☐ Children/Youth (Grades K-12) FREE
- ☐ Enriched Child Care (Ages 0-4) FREE

TOTAL DUE:

Age of youth: _____ Grade Entering: _____
Responsible Adult for registered youth: _____

Mission u of the South, Southfield Hope UMC

Conference One Day Mission u

☐ July 20 \$35

TOTAL DUE:

Mission u of the East Lake Huron Retreat Center

Conference One Day Mission u

- ☐ August 15 (with lunch) \$35
- ☐ Hands on Mission Event (NO lunch) FREE
- Two Day Sessions (NO child care)**
- ☐ August 15 ~ 6 pm Lodging ONLY \$75
- ☐ August 16-17 ~ Overnight/Meals \$120
- ☐ August 16-17 ~ Commute/Meals \$75

TOTAL DUE:

Mission u of the North, 1st UMC, Gaylord

☐ October 21-22 \$65

TOTAL DUE:

Mission u Merchandise

- ☐ Tote Bag \$10
- T-shirt ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL \$12
- ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL ☐ 4XL \$14

TOTAL DUE:

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MISSION U

#1 EVERYONE ATTENDS THIS STUDY

Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship

by Janet Wolf

(Spiritual Growth Study)

Janet Wolf presents this well-known Gospel through voices and experiences that are often relegated to the margins. Where we stand, what we see, who



we listen to, whose stories and voices we value and dismiss will all shape the way we understand the world and the Bible. This study incorporates the stories of those on the margins to uncover how the gospel is alive and well today -- how God is, and always has been, calling us to live out the Word in a radical way.

Study Leaders: #1 Bishop David Bard (W, S & E); Reverend Neil Davis (N)
#2 Reverend Faith Fowler (W); Nichea VerVeer Guy (S, E, & N)
#3 Genie Bank (W & E); Diana Miller (S & N)

CHOOSE ONE STUDY

#2 What About Our Money? A Faith Response

by Susan K. Taylor

(Social Action Study)

This study explores how we relate to money within the context of our faith. The focus of this study is both personal and communal. Readers will explore their own relationship with money, the money choices available to us, and how we individually and collectively respond in light of our faith.



#3 Women United For Change: 150 Years in Mission

by Ellen Blue

This study is the first in a two-year study commemorating United

Methodist Women's 150th anniversary in 2019. It will provide a historical survey of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations and amplify the voices that shaped the work through an overarching story of United Methodist Women changing the face of mission. This study is about women who established vibrant societies to support mission.



YOUTH STUDY

Who Do You Say That I Am? Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark

By Carolyn Poling

In Mark, Jesus models for us how to live our lives as Christians, reaching out to those who are left out, offering compassion and healing. As youth unpack the Gospel of Mark through the four sessions, they'll encounter guiding principles.

Study Leaders: Asti White & TaNia Moore (W)

CHILD STUDY

MARKED: A Mission Journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

By Rita Hays

Throughout the Gospel of Mark, Jesus engages with all types of people, especially individuals who find themselves on the margins of society. Jesus appears as an inclusive Savior, inviting children to practice discipleship by sharing compassion, love, and kindness toward others.

Ronda Libbett & TBA (W)

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Church: _____

District: _____

Name on name tag (if different from above) _____

Roommate Request: _____

☐ Child Care Ages: _____ (Not available 8/16-17/19)

Information:

- ☐ First time attending
☐ Conference Officer
☐ District Officer

Special needs:

- ☐ First floor housing
☐ Minimal stairs
☐ Minimal walking

Study choice: (for multi-day events)

- ☐ "What About Our Money? A Faith Response"
☐ "Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission"

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Study Leader ☐ Laity
☐ Missionary ☐ Clergy
☐ Scholarship Applicant
☐ Help moving around campus
☐ Sign language interpreters
☐ Special dietary needs (specify) _____

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE TO MAKE LOCATION SELECTIONS AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

CHANGES IN OUR READING PROGRAM RESOURCES

Beginning in January 2019 the Reading Program policies are changing. The local churches in our district can still purchase books for their libraries but the procedure has changed. Beginning January 1019. United Methodist Women Mission Resources will no long stock books on the Reading Program lists. What this means:

- You will no longer be able to order books on the Reading Program lists from United Methodist Women Mission Resources.
- You will be able to purchase books from Cokesbury, Amazon and other major retailers, often at less cost than offered by Mission Resources.
- If you purchase from Amazon, the books are shipped free if you are an Amazon Prime member. If you purchase through the Amazon Smile program, a donation is made with each order to United Methodist Women. To learn more about Amazon Smile, visit [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). (Choose the United Methodist Women in New York, NY, to support the national office.)

Contact for Reading Program is Andris Salter (asalter@unitedmethodistwomen.org)

Also beginning January 2019, United Methodist Women Mission Resources will no longer be offering consignment orders for events. What this means:

- You will no longer be able to order United Methodist Women resources on consignment for your event and return what was not sold.
- You will be able to order a free sample to display and keep at no charge to you. You may take orders from members onsite or let them know how to place their own orders.
- You will not be able to purchase quantities of United Methodist Women mission resources for your event that you may sell. These will not be returnable.
- Deans will let attendees know well in advance that books should be purchased before traveling to Mission U.
- Conferences can also purchase books to sell onsite. Books not sold during the event may not be returned but may be sold at future events.

Contact for resource ordering is Andrew Cheu (acheu@unitedmethodistwomen.org)

Please contact me directly if you have questions or need assistance.

Karol Fry
Mission Coordinator for Program Resources



The Messenger
Mid-Michigan District
United Methodist Women
Mason First UMC
201 East Ash Street
Mason, MI 48854

Non-Profit Organization

U. S. Postage Paid

Permit #47

Mason, MI 48854-1775

DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadlines:

June 12, 2019.....*The Messenger* Articles for July Issue

April 23, 2019.....Spring Retreat Registrations Due

Events

April 6, 2019Keep 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

September 18, 2019.....Mid-Michigan District Annual Meeting
Green Street UMC, Hastings, MI

October 26, 2019.....Michigan Conference Annual Meeting